St. Anne's Parish Church Celebration of the Fucharist

Easter

The Gathering

Please note that bold type denotes responses said or sung by all.

Before the service begins the leader will introduce the service and ask for a moment of prayerful silence.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Pause for silent reflection;

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The president introduces a short period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

The **Collect** of the day is said, and all respond

Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader will say

This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.



All stand

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.* **Glory to you, O Lord Alleluia, Alleluia..**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia. **Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Please sit

Sermon

A hymn is sung after the sermon, for which we remain seated. Please stand

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Let us pray

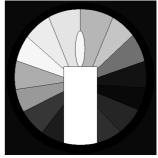
Please sit or kneel

A member of the congregation now leads us in intercessory prayer, each prayer may have a response determined by the leader or;

At this time of need **We wait, we watch, we hope, we pray.**

The prayers conclude with

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Sign of Peace

All stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the Table.

A little water is added to the wine as the celebrant says quietly

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant offers the gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The celebrant washes his/her hands saying quietly;

Lord we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts. Lord wash away our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

Then

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;



who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Rite

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president receives communion.



Spiritual Communion

After the president has received communion, we all join in this prayer of spiritual communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

The Post Communion prayer is said. Then;

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and dismissal

Please stand

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The leader concludes the service by inviting the congregation to bring God's kingdom to the world:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thank you for worshipping with St. Anne's.



Our Vision at St. Anne's

In the light of God's call and our situation here. our vision is of a community bound together by the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. A community called to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom, by making disciples, by nurturing faith, by responding to human need with loving service, by challenging injustice, by a proper stewardship of God's creation. As servants of the Kingdom we celebrate human diversity. We oppose discrimination and marginalisation, and actively promote unity and acceptance. We aim to demonstrate the love and welcome Of Christ to everyone in this community.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run, its his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leap to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honour to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart! lift up your voice! Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love: when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. refrain

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

First Reading Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

Second Reading

I Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel John 17.1-11

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

IJesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, isince you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. iAnd this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. If glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. iSo now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

If have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 4for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 4I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

4All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 4And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.